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March 25, 2002

Honorable Felix J. Boudreaux
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, CASPIANA FIELD, DeSoto
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana:

1. To redefine the top of the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana, insofar and only insofar as to the unit designated HOSS RA SUE, which unit is shown on the attached plat, as occurring at the depth of 5,767', electric log measurement, in the J-W Operating Company--Ellerbe Estate 19 No. 2-D Well, located in Section 19, Township 15 North, Range 12 West, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

2. To confirm and continue in force and effect HOSS RA SUE as a drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana, as redefined herein.

3. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana, is currently defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-B, effective April 15, 1975.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 4520 Jamestown Avenue, Suite 6, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. Any person

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wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data, which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation, can be obtained from Mr. Adams at the expense of the requesting party.

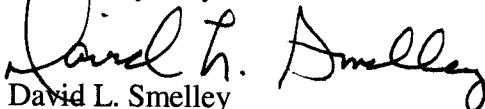
By letter dated March 14, 2002, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set April 4, 2002, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No timely request for the conference was received; therefore, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat (which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Caspiana Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

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Attorney for J-W Operating Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encl.)
Mr. Dave Williams (w/encl.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encl.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat)

